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Muslim countries may seek a United Nations resolution that would brand criticism of Islam and other religions as “hate speech,” a top U.S. religious freedom official is warning.

Earlier this year, Islamic nations lost their most recent bid to pass a resolution against “defamation” of “vilification” of religions in the U.N. Human Rights Council. Now they appear to be pursuing a new tactic, said Leonard Leo, a presidential appointee who chairs the bipartisan **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom**.